12.00 hrs.

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER: Please do not speak together. I shall give opportunity to all.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV (Azamgarh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that the birth centenary year of the great erudite Rahul Sankrityayana personality of multi-farious talent is beginning from the day after tomorrow, the 9th April. Rahul Sankrityayan secured international support for this country and contributed a lot in the field of Buddhist philosophy, Hindi literature and progressive ideology. I would like to say only this that the Government should celebrate his birth centenary at the national level. Sir, he was born in my own district. The people of my district are organising a function the day after tomorrow at his village – his birth place in which I am also going to participate myself. I hope that the birth centenary celebration of Rahulji should be celebrated keeping in view his international and national eminence and a committee should be constituted under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister and the eminent litterateurs of the country and persons working in public life should be associated with it. Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the Government and the House to it.

Secondly, Sir, the issue about which I met you and requested you is very important because there is no time left now for it otherwise I would not have said anything about it. Sir, the Prime Minister is going to convene a meeting of the Chief Ministers on the 10th April. According to the recommendations of the Mandal Commission 52% castes of this country, to whom nominal participation have been given by Government in Government services and in the administration, and after a long time, thoughts and after thoughts were given to the issue and there were controversy and clashes all over the country and in the end it was accepted by near unanimity that backward classes should be given representation in services and this is the right approach to strengthen the democracy in the country, to give them particiaption and to implement the Constitutional provisions. One year has passed but no decision could be taken about the criteria of reservation, therefore the Supreme Court has directed the Government again and again that it should clarify its stand. We had made a suggestion to the Government to divide it into two parts. Two separate notifications should be issued. One notification about the 27% people who are educationally and socially backward and another about 10% people who are poor among high castes. If the Government issues one notification for them both, it may create problem due to constitutional provisions as they exist. Since the hon. Prime Minister has convened a meeting of the Chief Ministers, I would like that the Government should clarify its policy before it otherwise this issue is already pending and a feeling is developing among the people that attempts are being made to put off this issue and backward classes are not getting their due share due to intervention by the courts.

Through you I would like to draw the attention of the Government that it should clarify its policy before 10th. Yesterday the Minister of Welfare said in his speech that the Government is willing to include economic criteria in it. The Government wants to take decision on it but several State Governments are not co-operating, so, Sir, I would like to say that the Union Government is making an excuse that the State Governments are not cooperating. On this issue of national importance nobody can become a silent spectator. I request you to give instructions to the Government that it should clarify

its policy in this regard so that recommendations may be implemented with immediate effect.

(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dumdum): Sir, just a minute. You must be knowing Shri Rahul Sankarityayan. He was a scholar who spanned the ancient with the future.

MR. SPEAKER: I do think that the Government will taken note of the suggestion given by Shri Yadav and nothing more is required to be said.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: The entire House can join him by suggesting that the Government (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I agree with you. The House will join Shri Yadav in paying respectes to his memory.

SHIR BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura): Sir, on the occasion of his birth centenary, documentary or a tele-serial should be prepared and shown on the T.V. This is our suggestion. (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI ANAND AHIRWAR (Sagar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, with great distress I have to say that several people have been affected in Bina city of Sagar district in Madhya Pradesh on 30th March by 'Atikraman Hatao' (Remove Encroachment) drive and the State administration has crossed all limits by taming one-sided action. In other districts of Madhya Pradesh also several people have been affected by 'Atikraman Hatao' drive. Neither the Government nor the administration is maintaining any order there. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has crossed limits and democracy is being murdered openly. BJP is action of the administration, harassing and terrorising selected person enlisting the cooperation of dacoits and robeers by the administration and running of administration with their cooperation are all misuse of power by Government. Injustice is also being meted out to people. Those who have land, have lease-deeds of shops or houses with all the administrative formalities complete are being harassed and their lease-deeds are being torn off by the Government officers on the spot in the midst of thousands of people. When people objected to it, the police arrested them on false charges. To hurl abuses on the public by the Government officers has become common.

Whatever happened in Bina city of Sagar district on 30th March, 1992 – getting a shop forcibly vacated and setting up a police post in place of it – proves that general public is developing a feeling that there is no popular rule in Madhya Pradesh.

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA (Mandesaur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, will there be discussion in this House daily on the administrative machinery of Madhya Pradesh. Will this House discuss the administration of Madhya Pradesh or whether the questions about day-to-day working of Madhya Pradesh will be raised here. This question is clearly about the Government of Madhya Pradesh and it sis absolutely wrong to raise such questions in this House. This House should not discuss any issue about the Government of Madhya Pradesh..... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: You should ask the M.L.As of your party Congress to raise such issues. (*Interruptions*)

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: The hon. Members should not say mischievous things deliberatly. (*Interruptions*)